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**TO: Senate Reforms, Restructuring and Reinvention Committee**

**FROM: Ken Fletcher, Associate Executive Director**

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**RE: Support for Senate Bill 2**

The Michigan Nurses Association strongly supports Senate Bill 2, a bill that will define the role of the Advance Practice Nurse in the Michigan Public Health Code. By supporting this bill, more than 4,700 nurse practitioners in Michigan will be able to provide patient care to the full extent of their masters/doctoral education and board certification.

APRNs practice in a variety of settings, including providing access to health care in rural areas and underserved areas. With more people having access to health care through the Affordable Care Act and a looming shortage of primary care physicians, APRNs are desperately needed to help meet the growing need for quality health care in Michigan.

Studies have shown that APRNs provide comparable quality of care and outcomes when compared to physicians. Like all health care professionals, APRNs have a legal and ethical obligation to consult, refer or transfer patients when their care needs are beyond their expertise and training. By allowing APRNs to have prescriptive authority, Michigan citizens can receive better and more efficient care in a timely manner. Passage of SB 2 will help decrease the numbers of APRNs in Michigan who leave due to the restrictive practice environment.

We need the expertise and ability of the APRNs to provide quality patient care for all Michigan citizens. Limiting their practice hurts the health of our state. Consumers deserve to have the choice of choosing an APRN. Please vote to support Senate Bill 2.

Thank you.